

**Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
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Reporting of Entering Fall Estimated Enrollment

Each year at the October meeting of the committee, a report of the estimated entering fall enrollment is given. The report is intended to give the committee and the institutions a snapshot of the trends toward improving the participation of ethnic minorities in the public postsecondary education system. Also, the information could help institutions identify improvements in the recruitment process that might be made to an increased level of participation in the upcoming entering class of freshmen.

At the October 16, 2006, meeting the committee confirmed that reporting of entering enrollment will be continued and asked staff to recommend a reporting procedure that ensures all institutions are identifying and reporting students using the same process, that result in comparisons that are not misleading, and that recognizes the unique characteristics of the institutions. The following process is identified for collecting and reporting entering fall estimated enrollment.

The Process:

- o Early enrollment estimates for all students will continue to be collected as they have in the past; however, the early enrollment for entering freshmen by race at the universities will be counts for students either who enter as first-time students in the fall or who entered as first-time during the summer and returned in the fall.
- o These summer/fall cohort figures will be compared to official summer/fall figures from the previous year based on the data submitted through the comprehensive database.
- o The summer/fall cohort for KCTCS will be compared to data they supply for the same point in time from the previous year and not official end-of-term figures.

This overall approach will insure a better, more accurate way of informing the committee and the public of the progress made by the postsecondary system.

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